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ABSTRACT

Recognizing the need for a nationally coordinated effort to reduce playground injuries, the National Program for Playground Safety was created in 1995. This booklet describes the national action plan for prevention of playground injuries. Designed for use by parents, teachers, recreation and park personnel, and caregivers involved in providing safe play environments, the booklet outlines four goals of the plan: (1) provide proper supervision on playgrounds; (2) design age-appropriate playgrounds; (3) provide proper fall surfacing under and around playground equipment; and (4) properly maintain equipment on playgrounds. For each goal related action steps are detailed at the national, state, and local level. Resources available are also listed for each goal. The booklet concludes with a summary of the action steps at each level. (HTH)

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